

*What is claimed is:*

1. A computer-implemented method for scheduling cells output on  
an output path of a data switch, said data switch being configured for switching  
said cells from a plurality of input paths to said output path, comprising:  
*providing a plurality of queues, each queue of said plurality of queues*

*having an assigned weight, respective ones of said plurality of input paths being*  
*coupled to respective ones of said plurality of queues;*

10 *providing a plurality of queues of queues, said plurality of queues being*  
*coupled to said plurality of queues of queues with queues of said plurality of*  
*queues having a similar weight being coupled a same queue of queues of said*  
*plurality of queues of queues; and*

15 *providing a scheduler, said plurality of queues of queues being input*  
*into said scheduler, said scheduler being coupled to said output path.*

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of input paths  
represent virtual connections.

20 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said plurality of input paths  
represent input ports.

25 4. The method of claim 1 wherein each of said plurality of queues  
of queues has a queue of queue weight that is equal to a queue weight of  
queues coupled to said each of said plurality of queues of queues.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein each of said queues of queues receives cells from queues coupled to said each of said queues of queues in a round robin manner.

5 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said scheduler receives cells from queues of queues coupled to said scheduler in a round robin manner.

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